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A Treatise To End Mass Incarceration

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Editor's Note: *The following is an edited and reduced version of the full article by my comrade and fellow worker, Sergio Muhammad Hyland. Sergio is a die-hard organizer, brilliant writer, and a student of the great Russell Maroon Shoats (Panther, Black Liberation Army Vet, and political prisoner,) and the following is the explosive conclusion of his full piece which analyzed the tactics of Gandhi and Martin Luther King. Enjoy!*

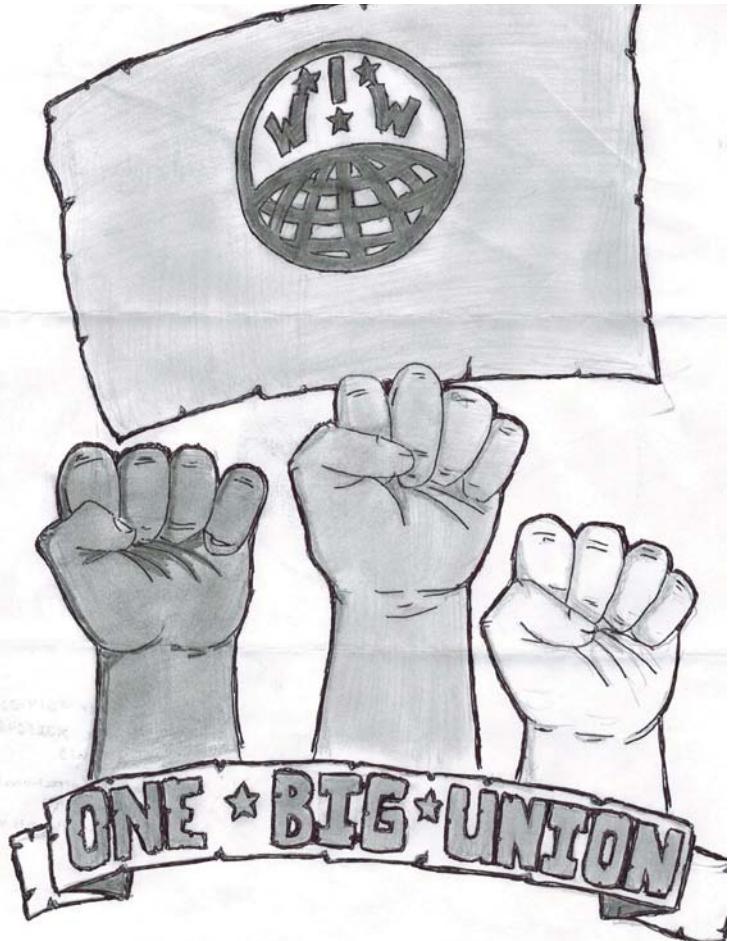
So, what does any of this has to do with the struggle to end mass incarceration in the United States? When it comes to the prison industrial complex, those who control and benefit off of this system are in a definitive minority, and are far less in human numbers than those adversely affected by it. The costs of prisons don't merely affect prisoners and their families, but taxpayers as well.

Those dynamics make our situation more comparable to that of Gandhi and what was taking place in India, and as a result, the best-and only-way to successfully defeat the PIC, is to suffocate the economic life out of it.

The proper way to view this is to focus on the methods used by anarcho-syndicalists in Europe, who believed that the only way to earn their economic freedom was through their economic organizations (unions).

Prisons function so smoothly largely due to the cooperation of inmates. That cooperation is often incentivized through employment opportunities. The tact of the matter is that prisons cannot function so smoothly-or at all-without the cooperation and cheap-and often free-labor of prisoners. The vast majority of jobs within prisons are filled by prisoners. Officers are outnumbered by prisoners 50-1, and sometimes more. 10 kitchen staff members supervise up to 300 inmate workers throughout the workday. Maintenance crews have one civilian supervisor for up to 10 inmate workers. Prison staffs make up to 100 dollars per hour when you include overtime, while prisoners max-out at 42 cents per hour.

Ultimately, any potential power that a prisoner may have



is in that prisoner's ability to withhold their cheap/free labor (strikes). If prisoners went on a worker strike-even if only at one institution- that institution would immediately shut down. Cheap free incarcerated labor would have to be replaced by expensive non-incarcerated labor, at non-incarcerated wages of up to 100 dollars per hour. Prisoner worker strikes would coincide with boycotts of commissary and other commodities which prisoners are forced to pay inflated rates for. Profiting off of prisoners would be in steady decline, while the cost of prisons would continue to rise; causing state budgets to balloon, hurting taxpayers' pockets, forcing them to demand a change to the status quo.

Currently, one very large option obstacle stands in the way

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—Editor FW Sean Swain

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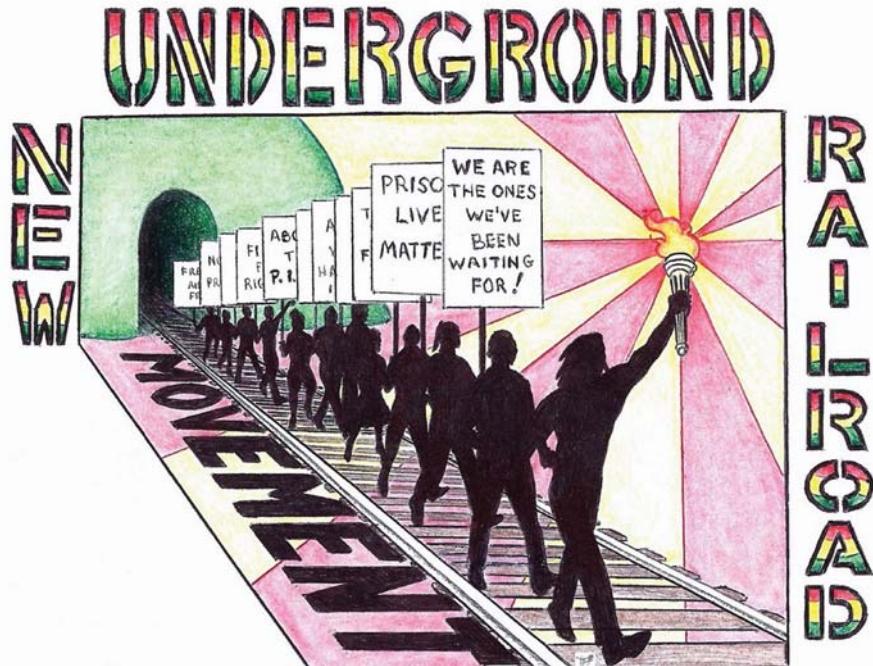
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TIMELINE: Recent Events

April

4: Texas prisons begin a labor strike that was affiliated with the IWW. Starting on April 4th and then spreading, incarcerated workers in seven units, including Lynaugh in Fort Stockton, Mountain View in Gatesville, Polunsky in Livingston, Roach in Childress, Robertson in Abilene, Torres in Hondo, and Wynne in Huntsville refused to be called out for work. The strike shut down the production of several labor operations including license plate assembly lines and more. The strike reached both national and international media attention, including an interview of Incarcerated Worker's Organizing Committee member Jimi Del Duca by Russia Today. The strike continued for about 3 weeks and the agitators went into tactical withdraw to prep for the upcoming 09/09 strike.

16: Michigan inmates spread hunger strikes in protest to inhumane and unsanitary food conditions that are provided by private prison contractor Trinity. The Michigan Department of Corrections has previously ended contracts with Aramark, but over a billing dispute not unsanitary condition of food. Both Trinity and Aramark have track records of horrid unsanitary food, lack of food and other corruptions as private prison contractors. A similar food refusal was staged by female incarcerated workers in Ohio after maggots were found in Aramark's food servings.

May

1: The Free Alabama Movement (FAM) in association with IWW and in solidarity with the preceding Texas strike declared a May Day strike. The strike encompassed several facilities shutting down several curtail work operations. The strike also gained media attention

from all over the world. One of the major victories of the strike was a defeat of a bill intended to grant the Alabama Department of Corrections \$800 million to build four new supermax prisons. FAM organizer, Kinetik Justice, describes the victory in a Truth-Out interview: "That bill got killed two days after we started the strike. That victory of seeing the bill destroyed and the mega-prisons out of the equation -- that was our first objective: prevent them from getting \$800 million to build the mega-prisons without changing the laws and things that contribute to this overcrowding.". The strike ended after about 10 days, due mainly to the fact that prisoner scabs were promised early parole to work in the facilities as strike-breakers. FAM is now strategizing a counter to the scab prisoner problem and prepare for the 09/09 strike.

June

10: Mass hunger strike at Waupaca Prison, WI begins. Demands are made for an end to long-term solitary confinement and against ecological hazards like lead contamination found in water supply of the prison. Prisoners in the strike named this strike the "Dying to Live" strike. One of the leaders of this strike is Cesar De Leon, an IWW member and contributor to this issue. He started refusing water later in the strike because the contaminations in the water are causing him sickness. On the 17th, a court order granted prison officials to start force-feeding the strikers. Outside IWOC and other allied groups held marches and rallies outside the WI department of corrections headquaters during the strike.

July

12: A hunger strike was started by a group of prisoners in Ely, Nevada. The demands were made for: addi-

tional phones be installed so there are two phones per wing, allow them to make two calls per day, 2,500 calories on each day with adequate food portions, the ability to buy appliances every 60 days, access to go to the barber two times a week, to be able to purchase clothes, hygiene, and food from commissary. On the 22nd of July, the demands of the strikers were met. However, two of the original six hunger strikers were targeted for being organizers and held in solitary confinement. IWOC supporters on the outside rallied to the call of getting these freedom fighters released.

27: A hunger strike is declared by four inmates at the infamous South Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville, OH. The strike was started shortly after collective punishment was administered for a rec. yard sit-in action by a group of prisoners demanding negotiation in regards to grievances about access to phone calls. The whole block was placed in solitary confinement and RIB good behavior points were docked. Strike organizer, Chaz 'Abdullah' Burch, released a call-out for support. To write and support the strikers hit up Chaz "Abdullah" Bunch, #434-863, Anthony Stephens, #586-094, Alonzo Sojourney, #552-917 at SOCF P.O.Box 48699 Lucasville, Ohio 45699

August

1: Holman correctional facility erupts in another uprising! One C.O. was injured during a confrontation, and a whole cell block was taken under control of incarcerated workers and barricaded. This facility has been infamous for inhumane conditions and has been a strong building ground for the Free Alabama Movement and the IWW.



The spirit of revolution will continue to grow within the prisons. I look forward to the time when all inmates will offer greater resistance by refusing to work as I did. Such a simple move would bring the machinery of the penal system to a halt.

Huey P. Newton, Revolutionary Suicide

IWW Union Glossary: Part III

The IWW uses some terminology that you won't hear anywhere else. Here are definitions of some of the terms used in the union. Stay tuned in future issues for more!

OBU (One Big Union) -- another name for the IWW, based on the notion that one big union of all the workers can overthrow or abolish the employing class and the wage system. Also a name for a Canadian based union formed in 1919 based on Industrial Unionism, was hostile to Leninism. Wound up bringing its 36,000 members into the CLC at the merger of the AFL and CIO in 1956.

ROC (Regional Organizing Committee) - A body of IWW members in a specific region, especially a country dedicated to maintaining communication and administering union affairs, particularly where the local currency is worth

significantly less (or more) than the US or Canadian dollar.

Scab - A person who workers after a strike has been called and who takes the job of a striking union member.

Secretary-Treasurer - The chief administrative officer of a branch or district council, elected by a democratic vote of the appropriate body's membership.

SLP (Socialist Labor Party) - Founded as the Socialistic Labor Party in 1878. Played a founding role in the IWW under its leader, Daniel DeLeon. The SLP was a political party that emphasized political action rather than direct action (organiz-

ing at the point of production.) The SLP separated from the IWW in 1908 and set up a short-lived, rival union called the Yellow IWW which folded in 1914.

WFM (Western Federation of Miners) - One of the original unions that founded the IWW. Founding Members William "Big Bill" Haywood and Vincent Saint John were also members of the WFM.

Wobbly -- (Sometimes shortened to "Wob") a nickname of unknown origin for a member of the Industrial Workers of the World.

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Get to Know Your Enemy: An Anarchist Prisoner Response to Sept. 9th

In Response to "Fighting the Real Enemy" by SOSO :an Article in the Under Lock and Key (a widely distributed publication in prisons) by the Maoist Internationalist Movement.

Dear Editor at MIM...

Good fellow, I'm sending an open response to SOSO's article in the last issue of Under Lock and Key. This response should answer most of the questions you had of me in your letter. Which I appreciate- Thank you for taking the time to address these issues (my poem as well).

Look man, I'm just gonna cut through all the bullshit right here. I do agree with your theory on the global proletariat. I understand the dynamics and implications of globalized capitalism, capitalist imperialism, etc and in your scientifically precise analysis I can really find no flaw.

But to be frank, I don't really give a shit. I'm more of a Bakuninist than Marxist. And as Bakunin said, sometimes we just have to throw theory into the fire, for it only stalls life.

Beyond that, society is a living organism that is much more dynamic than a simple,

cold, scientific process. More times than not, I think, our science is mostly just a means to intellectualize the natural currents arising from emotionally grounded positions.

What we have here is a huge social base, across prison walls, which are extremely pissed off. And we have an opportunity to harness that anger and point it at our enemy, that's all the analysis I need and I say that if you oppose this in any way, you're nothing but a house slave ready to defend your master. You're complicit and should be among the first to be taken to task.

Don't get me wrong, I dig your thing for the most part. I learn a lot from you. I just think you are trapped in academics and have lost connection to the practical experiences necessary to keep academia materially relevant.

To answer your question, what IWOC/ABC does that MIM does not, is a few things. For one, we allow the human aspect of our

people to shine through the theory. For two, our theory is based in action. Your theory is based in theory. Personally I find theory/analysis for its own sake boring and I don't have the patience for it.

I'm an anarchist. More, a nihilist. You don't have to worry about protectionism with folks like me at the helm. In the words of Bakunin, the true revolutionist is concerned with the science of destruction. Let the other sciences be the work of future generations. Once we're done with the prisons we'll begin tearing down other authoritative institutions. Maybe you all can come down and help us out or something some day! Peace! -Zero

As a member of the organization pushing the mass prisoner work-stoppage beginning September 9th, and of one of the anarchist Networks laying the groundwork, and being familiar with MIM (prisons), after some certain correspondences, I'm inclined to offer this public response.

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Prisoners' Social Media Access Banned by Texas Prison Officials To Hide Abusive Conditions from the Public

Kevin "Rashid" Johnson

Editor's Note: FW Rashid is a seasoned veteran of behind the bars organizing and a brilliant writer with publications in book and online media. In addition to being a member in our One-Big-Union, he is the minister of defense of the New Afrikan Black Panther Party (prison chapter). It is important to note that the media ban discussed in this piece was brought into existence around the same time as the TX prisoner strike that began on April 9th.

Suddenly Texas prison officials are banning prisoners from having people outside-of prison maintain social media accounts for them. Since prisoners do not otherwise have direct-access to the internet we can't manage our own social media accounts. Officials are taking advantage of certain social media providers' rules that forbid one from maintaining a social media account for someone else to shut down those accounts.

On April 14, 2016 Jason Clark, the spokesman for the Texas department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) [sic], announced that a new rule has gone into effect in the TDCJ imposing this ban. He claims the rule's purpose is to block prisoners from selling items they create to the public, and allegedly to prevent prisoners from harassing crime victims and their families, and carrying on criminal enterprises. He gave not one specific example of any such abuses of social media by prisoners; the obvious purpose as always is to incite public prejudice and fear through demagoguery to justify oppressing otherwise perfectly legal activities. What he did offer one example of was one prisoner, selected for the notoriety of his crimes; who'd merely posted for sale jewelry and art he'd created on Facebook. Which prisoners can do in mainstream and independent print media and is perfectly legal in any media.

In fact prisoners have a constitutional right to have others place material on the internet for them and to write about them. Indeed the courts have struck down laws that ban prisoners from posting on the internet through internet service providers as unconstitutional (1). So what the TDBJ is actually doing in banning prisoners' social media access is violating the highest law of the land, namely the U.S. Constitution. Yet they profess to uphold this very law and punish those who have violated the laws. As the U. S. Supreme Court has noted of such hypocrisy, "{if the Government becomes a lawbreaker it breeds contempt for the law: it invites every man to become a law unto himself.}"(2)

The Raw Deal

The TDCJ isn't suddenly going after prisoners' access to social media because of any of its stated-concerns. The real concern is prisoners' uses of social media as a platform to expose the actual inhumane conditions and abuses that pervade TDBJ's prisons.

This because several such initiatives are already underway and proving to garner public attention and support for prisoners against these conditions. This is an example I have struggled to set for other prisoners through writing and posting articles and exposes on prison abuses online myself.

This sort of work serves to increasingly humanize prisoners to the public and to expose the inhumanity of our living conditions. This counteracts officials long practiced policies of dehumanizing us in the collective public mind and thereupon being able to get away with treating us in the most overtly racist and brutal manners with utter impunity.

They recognize also, as I've often noted in my articles, that today's exposure and mass-movement against murderous police practices in communities of color; which has been going on but hidden in plain sight for ages arose solely because it was exposed

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of any potential prisoner worker unionization: the 13th amendment of the United States Constitution the “punishment clause” in the 13th amendment allows for legal slavery and forced labor as punishment for conviction of a crime. Therefore, a prisoner is constitutionally obligated to comply with any demand to work, and is in violation if they refuse to work for any reason. And rule violations in prison result in time spent inside of some of the most inhumane and infamous control units the world has ever known.

If prisoners were able to unionize, we would be able to demand and acquire such things as:

HIGHER WAGES
BETTER HEALTHCARE
HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMMING AND EDUCATION
THE CREATION OF STRONGER BONDS WITH FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
AND MUCH MORE

Also, prisoner workers’ unions could link with other high-profile non-incarcerated worker unions to push a political agenda which would include—among other things—giving prisoners the right to vote WHILE incarcerated; sentencing reform; housing legislation; the return of good-time; presumptive parole, and a slew of other important items which affect the lives of prisoners, their families, and their communities.

This isn’t a new idea. Ireland and other European nations have found success with this formula. But only because those European nations doesn’t have a “punishment clause” in their constitution!

The key to our victory in this fight hinges upon our ability to apply the pressure needed in order to force congress to strike this “punishment clause” from the constitution. If this clause is stricken, a prisoner could then withhold their labor, without fear of being thrown into a control unit. We do this by publically putting politicians’ feet to the fire by asking them if they still support slavery in 2016. Fearing alienation, even the most right-leaning conservative would disavow any support for slavery. Once we start the movement by getting the conversation started, we then begin presenting legislation which would strike the clause—much in the way that the movement started to “ban the box”!

Only after we accomplish this first step of striking the clause, can we start with the second step

of suffocating the economic life out of the PIC. And as the anarcho-syndicalists of Europe did to earn the economic freedom, we’ll use our economic freedom to earn our literal physical freedom!

Before I close, I’d just like to reemphasize a critical point made by Maroon: Even in King’s and Gandhi’s “non-violent” revolutions, there were other external movements/ situations taking place. WWII was causing the British to deplete their resources and focus their attention on defending their homeland, leaving the Indian colony as little more than an afterthought. With King and the civil rights movement, there were also violent anti-colonial struggles going on around the world in places such as Vietnam, and elsewhere, which forced the United States to get so heavily involved that the civil rights movement basically snuck in through the back door.

Today we see the same things taking place. With wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and the constant threat of terrorism, attention, resources, and focus are being diverted from the struggle to end mass incarceration. This movement can be a thorn in the side of the institution. The more Amerikan dollars being spent on violent external forces, the more likely our non-violent anti-incarceration struggle will find success, because prison reform will pale in comparison to these threatening violent external forces.

As with any other revolution, the struggle to end mass incarceration will take time, dedication, and focus. Dedicated activists and revolutionaries must realize that, while prisoners will eventually be the main force behind the movement, this force hinges upon our allies on the outside of prison and their effectiveness in forcing congress to strike the clause. Any movement without this critical element will ultimately fail. The time and conditions are perfect. Eliminating the punishment clause would essentially hamstring the Department of

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Corrections, taking away their ability to retaliate against prisoners for exercising their constitutional rights.

Currently, hunger strikes are being utilized to bring attention to the plight of prisoners. Also, a number of (attempted) work-stoppages have taken place. However, these efforts have been largely futile. Not tactically, but strategically, because as it stands a stoppage is still a violation of Department of Corrections rules, thus justifying the Department of Corrections' repressive responses to these strikes. Courageous as they may be, these actions are useless without the right kind of political support—which can only come through striking the clause!

When prisoners are able to legally withhold their labor and create prisoner worker unions, we can then follow in the

footsteps of the anarcho-syndicalists to create a perfect storm of organized chaos, inflating Department of Corrections' budgets to unsustainable proportions.

That, coupled with an economic boycott of services offered to prisoners at grossly inflated rates, would at least threaten to bankrupt the Department of Corrections of its financial and political capital.

Returning to our communities and our families is our priority. Prisoners want to live lives that matter, where we have a voice in the way we are governed. Mass incarceration destroys communities and families, and lays the foundations for following generations to fall victim to the system as well. The real cost of prisons aren't merely financial. Mass incarceration continues to highlight Amerika's biggest flaws—its classism, sexism, and racism. It mirrors the biggest crime against humanity: slav-

ery—also perpetrated by Amerika, and justified through interpretation of law and religious texts. We don't have to quote statistics; we've heard enough of them.

The time for talk has ended. A new era of activism has begun, and it's like a breath of fresh air. But we cannot be co-opted by allowing a few successes—no matter how significant—to impede our progress or lighten up on the enemy.

While the struggle to end mass incarceration must take place inside of the prison walls, the movement of prisoners is contingent upon what takes place on the outside of prison walls, first. The movement to strike the punishment clause must be centered on an effort to change legislation. Some people believe that the courts should provide relief. Holding onto the hope that the mere idea of slavery in 2016-Amerika is so reprehensible that it must be considered unconstitutional. However, in previous attempts to unionize, prisoners have taken this fight to the courts, and lost on each occasion. And every court's opinion has been rooted in the constitutionality of the punishment clause, upholding it time and again as constitutional. The courts are tasked with interpreting the law, while congress is responsible for changing the law.

We live in a capitalist society, and in a capitalist society, only economic pressure creates change. That pressure can be applied violently or non-violently, but due to the overall perception and worldview of prisons and prisoners, any revolutionary action taken by prisoners (who are commonly viewed as criminals, anyway) must be non-violent. Otherwise, we risk turning the masses against us, as this violence would only serve to validate the false reputation given to prisoners, by the benefactors of the PIC.

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1984: A PREDICTION COME TRUE...

Behavior Control and Human Experimentation at the Wisconsin Department of Corrections 2014-2015

Cesar DeLeon

INTRODUCTION

The Wisconsin Department of Corrections is currently going through a power-struggle-transition. National social-awareness and civil-litigation is forcing the D.O.C. to regulate how they use and apply their “long-term-segregation-units”, as punishment on inmates, because of the psychological effects that it causes on their “mental health”.

The D.O.C. opposes change. They have always argued: “that long-term-seg-units makes prison officials’ job easier and safer, and they keep prisoners in-check.” To stop this transition from regulating their most powerful control-mechanism against prisoners the D.O.C. have secretly decided to re-brainwash the entire Wisconsin prison system culture.

William Pollard, the warden at W.C.I., in an email to Mr. Wall, the D.O.C. secretary, in June 2014, expressed his view that the state had already made “significant progress” towards reforming segregation. But he added, “Culture shifts are like turning an old Cadillac in a short radius. Doers like us would rather be spinning that tight circle in a sport car and making faster progress”. Still, he added, “we may get sued”.

-The Cap Times – The Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism – Dec. 10, 2014 Bill Lueders

To accomplish this “culture shift” the D.O.C. have re-sanctioned an extension of the “predictive behavior system”, “compass assessment tool” and “secret behavior control program” that was used on prisoners in the U.S., in the 1960’s and 70’s to break them and stop their attempts to fight deteriorating conditions in the U.S. prisons. The use of behavior control and human experimentation techniques have been sanctioned and are now active in the Wisconsin Dept. of Corrections.

1984 METHODS

To take away or regulate the D.O.C.’s long-term-seg-units from them it would be like the end of the world... as they know it. Any time a government is seriously threatened by “civil war,” the government, to prevent losing its power, turns into a “police-state.” Everyone is carefully scrutinized for signs of rebellion, “programming propaganda” is re-enforced on the masses, and anyone suspected or otherwise considered an enemy-of-the-state is shipped to “concentration camps” either for isolation or reconditioning. 1984 methods are applied to the masses.

POLICE-STATE, PROGRAMMING PROPAGANDA, CONCENTRATION CAMPS POLICE-STATE STATUS:

To collect data for the “Predictive Behavior System” in 2014, all prisons in Wisconsin were re-wired for a big-brother-like surveillance system; guards were issued military style uniforms and pepper spray. “All prison officials and employees received new training in the cold, calculated art of observation.” It consists of watching prisoner’s movements with a particular meticulousness, scrutinizing little details in behavior patterns, then recording them in the log book. This data provided the staff with keys on how to manipulate certain individual’s behavior. It is feasible to calculate a prisoner’s level of sensitivity from the information, so his vulnerability can be tested with a degree of precision. Also, forms of civil-litigation are being oppressed; the D.O.C. eliminated free “internal-inmate-to-inmate routing”, “cut the prison legal loans for indigent prisoners, from \$200 to \$100 per year” and implemented a new Disciplinary Administrative 303 Code that very much benefits the D.O.C. when inmates may challenge a decision on a disciplinary conduct report. Also, the disciplinary punishments under

the new disciplinary code are much stricter and the conditions of confinement more oppressive. All civil-litigants, natural leaders, anyone against the administration, and inmates with suicidal history are considered enemies of the D.O.C.

“I would like you to think of brainwashing, not in terms of politics, ethics and morals but in terms of the deliberated changing of human behavior and attitudes by a group of men, who have relatively complete control over the environment in which the captive populace lives.”

-Dr. Edgar Schein at a meeting of U.S. wardens and social scientists in 1962.

PROGRAMMING PROPAGANDA:

The assessment tool that the D.O.C. re-sanctioned to re-program/propagate the masses of prisoners into prison-conformity is called “COMPAS.” According to the COMPAS assessment tool: “it predicts the general likelihood that those with a similar history of offending are either less likely or more likely to commit another crime generally within the two year period following release from custody. In addition to identifying general levels of risk to re-offend, COMPAS also identifies criminogenic needs specific to that inmate which are more likely to affect future criminal behavior.” In other words, this means: “that a man will be labeled by his ideas and his differential treatment will be plotted accordingly. Thus, if a man’s expressed ideas are at variance with the ideas and perception of the prison administration, behavior modification will be used on him to reconcile the difference.” The COMPAS assessment tool will identify individuals brainwashing programming needs. Those who the administration believe can be reformed into prison conformity by these means; their programming will consist of group sessions and text-book-like indoctrination.

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by the victimized communities themselves-as the world witnessed it on social media. They fear the-same thing occurring with regard to prison abuses Amerika, Tex-as in particular, which is widely regarded as Amerika's most abusive prison system

What's Texas Got To Hide?

Some might ask what Texas prison officials have to hide, that would make them want to muzzle their prisoners. We who live in their prisons know the answer all too all too-well. For those who don't live in

them, comprehending the extremes of official corruption and abuse that pervade them-would require a major readjustment of many cherished beliefs about their government. And it's not merely attributable to a handful of low-ranking rogue guards. Rather, it is pervasive and reaches up to the highest levels of authority and-is an institutional-practice.

I can give an example from my own personal experience and is confirmable by official records. That example is found

in the person-of one David Forrest, who was the highest ranking security official (Major).of the Estelle 2 Unit (EZU), in Huntsville, Texas when I was first assigned to the TDBJ in 2013 from the Oregon prison system.

In an article I wrote that year I described an incident that occurred on that first day at the very moment that I got to EZU, where I was taken into an office handcuffed from behind and leg shackled, whereupon Forrest and a Captain James McKee proceeded to hit me about the face and head repeatedly and to choke me as an Assistant warden looked on, and hurled curses and threats at me. (3)

What's striking isn't so much what happened to me, but rather Forrest's known history of these and worse abuses, and despite this (or perhaps because of this), he has been rewarded with ranking positions where he can more effectively carry out and oversee such abuses.

After I'd written that article, one of my publishers made an open records request to the TDCJ for information on Forrest.

What he received was a stack of documented investigation summaries on Forrest in the TDCJ spanning from 1987 through 2012. Forrest had been the subject-of no-less than 40 separate investigations by the TDCJ's central investigation department for misconduct, typically beatings of prisoners. Yet he steadily rose through the ranks, and ultimately achieved the rank of chief warden of a private Texas prison, operated by Wackenhet (now GEO Group). In that capacity Forrest oversaw, and colluded in the cover up of, the gruesome murder of a prisoner, Gregorio de la Rosa, Jr., who was beaten to death; Forrest was reported by other Wackenhet guards to have laughed about the murder.

The dead prisoner's family then sued Wackenhet and Forrest for wrongful death, negligence and-gross negligence. The jury found in the family's favor and awarded them a total of \$47.5 million in damages, including \$70 million against Wackenhet and \$500,000 against Forrest in punitive damages. The court found that Forrest repeatedly lied in his testimony and erased key video footage of the beating.

The defendants appealed but the Court of Appeals upheld the verdict. In referring to the destroyed evidence and Forrest's false testimony, the Court stated their conduct was, "clearly reprehensible and, frankly, a disgusting display of disrespect for the welfare-of-others and for this State's civil justice system. ...Moreover, Wackenhet's conduct in maliciously causing Gregorio's death and thereafter exploiting critical evidence so offends this Court's sense of justice that a high ratio of [of punitive damages to actual damages].is warranted."(4) These are the sorts of characters (like Forrest) that the TDCJ employs and promotes to it's ranking positions.

Recall, that all the parties to my attack at E2U were the highest ranking staff at the prison; a Major, Captain and Assistant warden. And the Unit they presided over was particularly brutal and inhumane. The thing is, if the public knew about these

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"But for those inmates who the Wisconsin Department of Corrections deemed a "serious threat" to the existing order will be sent to the Long Term Segregation Units to be isolated while the risk against their government passes or they are sent to the control units for reconditioning.

A new phenomenon is taking shape within the prison confines, and age-old myth is being dispelled. No longer can prisoners be characterized as mindless imbeciles needing someone (on a superior level) to define right and wrong for them or to chaperone them so they won't kill each other off. The old theory of socio-pathology (supposedly prisoners' mode of action) is carrying the behavior school psychology to ruins. The school is based on the premise that the empirical world determines man's course of action, that man is only capable of reacting to the stimuli of his environment; and since he is only a higher form of animal and, essentially, there is no qualitative difference between the two, he is like a sheep following his animalistic instincts; and that over a period of time of reacting in the same way to the same stimuli all the them, his behavior becomes habitual and sociopathic. This would be true if man were not a thinking, cognitive being. However, through his cognition and rationalization, he can not only transform his environment into something new, but also transform himself into something new, into a different social being. Prisoners are making this transformation.

This situation had led to a reverse in social polarity between prisoners and prison authority. The disorder and perversion which do exist are largely spawned by the abnormal conditions in the prison system and are, ironically, nurtured by it. This reinforces the need for paternal authority, In essence, it legitimizes it. On the other hand, the "clandestine" socialistic influence in the prison, which advocate a change way from the perversions and abnormalities, are deemed a threat to the existing order. So they are repressed and/or modified

into conformity."

-Page 11 of: Breaking Men's Mind: Behavior Control and

Human Experimentation at the Federal Prison in Marion, Illinois

CONCENTRATION CAMPS:

There are three forms of conditioning under this state of alert:

Long-term-segregation, Administrative confinement, and Behavior control.

1) Segregation: "Is the punitive aspect of these behavior modification camps." It is euphemistically referred to as "aversive conditioning." In short, prisoners are conditioned to avoid solitary confinement, and to do this (avoid solitary that is) requires some degree of conformity and cooperation. If the prison authorities think that the behavior modification techniques will eventually work on the prisoner, he is sent to this unit. The time of this solitary confinement is anywhere from a few weeks up to a year.

2) Administrative Confinement: "is the end of the line" in the Wisconsin Prison System. Since there is no place lower throughout all of society, it is the end of the line for society also. Just as the threat of imprisonment controls society, so is "A.C." the control mechanism for the prison system. Prisoners on A.C. status are housed in the segregation units for as long as the administration can keep them. This can vary between two to five years, and anything in between, some are kept indefinitely.

3) Behavior control: "is the literal brain-washing of a person's mind". This form of conditioning is reserved for those inmates who the administration identifies as "major threat" to the current existing-order. The inmate in short is: a. "isolated", b. "mentally tortured", c. "coerced into taking medications", then, d. "positive and negative reinforcement techniques" are applied on him to re-condition his "behavior and attitude" to be "submissive and subservient" towards prison authorities.

This procedure takes as long as necessary until the "inmate breaks." And he is

subject for re-conditioning anytime the prison authorities may feel they are losing cognitive influence over the "brainwashed inmate."

I am one of the inmates who was subjected through this Secret Behavior Control Program and I need your help to expose to the public this, which can only be described as Torture Camp. My story of the experience of this Secret Program reads as follow:

MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF THE SECRET BEHAVIOR CONTROL PROGRAM

My name is Cesar DeLeon, a prisoner, incarcerated in the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (D.O.C.) While I was in the Columbia Correctional Institution (C.C.I.) from July to October 27, 2014 I was subjected, without my consent, to a Secret Behavior Control Program (see complaint No. #CCI-2014-17210.) This secret program is an extension of the one that was practiced at the Federal Prison in Marion, Illinois in the 1960's and 70's. (See EXH. No. #1)

C.C.I. prison authorities in July 12, 2014 were placed on high alert for possible gang riots after a note from a confidential informant found its way into the hand of prison authorities

1. An acquaintance of mine Orlando Domena

2, also a prisoner at C.C.I. was believed to be a target of the attacks. Orlando, being a close acquaintance of mine, and I, having a prison history of gang affiliation, provided the guards justification to question me about the alleged gang riot

3. I, of course, knew nothing about it, yet the guards suspected me of withholding information and planning to assist my acquaintance in some way, so I was placed on surveillance with the approval of the prison's security supervisors

4. From July 12-18, 2014. While working at the prison's library, I overheard several conversations among the prison guards. They were secretly organizing to protest two things

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gram.

2) Dialog between the D.O.C. and advocates for prisoner's rights (Wisdom Organization) The guards believed that the Secret Behavior Control Program was not working. Also many prison employees had resigned their jobs leaving the rest vulnerable on issues of Security. They also detested having to be ordered, by their supervisors, to fill in the work shifts for all those who resigned

6. The fact that the D.O.C. Secretary Mr. Wall was willing to open dialog with advocates for prisoner's rights and not D.O.C. employees only made them angrier

7. Their plan consisted of "calling-in-sick" in large numbers with the intent to disrupt the prison's movement and security, which would also serve as a stress assessment to get prisoners to snap-out and riot. They needed an excuse to come-out publicly and demand the need for a "Worker's Union for D.O.C. Employees" and funds invested on security for guards rather than treatment for prisoners. The plot was to be executed on the 19th of July, 2014.

I took it upon myself to inform prisoners of the guards plot, and advised them not to snap or riot on the 19th since we were being used as "guinea-pigs" to serve the guards' agenda. The guards did as plotted, not worked on the 19th,

This brings me to point seven. I'm shocked that UFPP, USW and my route, MIM, have only learned about this call to action against slavery just recently. I personally sent a letter to MIM (Prisons) on November 9th, 2015 specifically related to our work-stoppage campaign. My records show a letter sent also in October 2015 to a specific individual at MIM mentioning the same. I know for a fact that I'm not the only one involved in this campaign who also works with MIM and I find it very unlikely that I'm the only one who's attempted to reach out to MIM on this topic. Yet, if that is the case, I would venture to say your lack of awareness must be due to the exclusive elitist nature of MIM's purely academic hegemonizing conception of line. In other words, you've made placed your pedestal so high that, you must not be able to see what's going on the ground with your head in the clouds. Figuratively speaking.

and did managed to disrupt the prison's movement

8. The prison was placed on "locked down" for being and with so pre-planned incentive actions the guards managed to provoke some inmates to snap, but not enough to cause a riot. The guards looking back into the surveillance found out I had pre-warned inmates of their plot so they blamed me for their failure to manipulate the prisoners' behavior and decided to retaliate against me by putting me through the secret program.

The surveillance that had already been kept on me from a week prior included a hidden spy camera and audio inside the ventilation system of my cell. I would later learn, collaborated by the events transpired, that the surveillance was recorded and separated into three categories of behavior

- 9: 1) Sexual Habits – Interest that arouse sexual stimulation and lead to masturbation
- 2) Misused of Prescription Med – I was taking 20 mg of "Ritalin" (Methylphenidate)
- 3) Embarrassing behavior – Acts that are socially embarrassing e.g. laughing at private thoughts, singing, crying, pretentious gestures in front of mirror, working out, using toilet, etc.

Which, on to the eighth point, makes me suspicious when you say you'd hope to work with us to broaden your movement. You spell united front with capital 'U' and 'F' which is what MIM calls one of its programs, short for UFPP, and as OFPP makes specific ideological demands for any entity it is willing to work with, I led to believe that what you truly mean by "work with" is to "co-opt". My suspicion is further supported by the fact that you refuse to even mention the names of these other revolutionary organizations so that your readers can reach out and seek information on their own. Another display of elitist hegemonization of line. On the other hand, all of our publications are inclusive to all people from all angles of the political spectrum fully with contact info for other groups and individuals involved so that all comers are offered a truly dialectical examination of all points and sides. I'm sure we'd actually like to see MIM's presence. I know I would.

In fact my first couple of correspondences with MIM on this topic was requests for support.

In closing, let me clarify that dialectical soundness can often depend on interpretation. You all use Marxist definitions of "slavery" even though we live in a post-Marxist, post-structuralist time and place. The dynamics of our current reality are different. And so we must also re-assess our definitions. Besides, though personally I use Marxist formulas I'm ultimately a nihilist, un-beholden to a particular ideological parameters. In other words, my definition of "slavery" is reflected by our material conditions, not political agenda. Dictionary.com defines "slavery" partly as "involuntary subjection to another"..."complete ownership and control by a master". Marx's purely economic definition, this is only one form of slavery. Not slavery in whole.

No man can put a chain about the ankle of his fellow man without at last finding the other end fastened about his own neck.

Frederick Douglass (1817-1895)

We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given up by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.

Martin Luther King Jr (1929-1968)

Get to Know Your Enemy ... continued

First, we are not calling for a work-strike. A strike by definition is temporary until resolutions are reached between slave and master so that we will continue the process of being exploited. We are not organizing a simple strike. We are going to stop working. Period. Some groups and individuals may, at some point start working again, but a lot of us, including myself. Will not.

Second, it should be clear that UFPP is not the only organization, group, network, or individual which has been building praxis around September for several years, and we believe that recognition, credit and support should be given to all of those groups and individuals- including UFPP and USW — whether we necessarily agree with their political line or not.

Third, our call for a work-stoppage is not merely in “recognition of growing protests in prison” as SOS claims. Recognition comes from an observational perspective, not from participants’ and those making this call have been the same who’ve been making those protests happen to begin with. This choice of word-usage might be seen as a subtle attempt to undermine the work a lot of us have been doing, and

personally I’ve spent several years in solitary confinement as a result of my own participation, and in September I’ll likely be going back, so maybe you should be the one to “recognize” SOSO.

Fourth, I find a head scratching contradiction in your article. IN paragraph #5 you say: “we do see power in the ability of prisoners to shut down facilities by not doing the work to keep them running for a potentially longer period”. But then in paragraph #10 you say’ “the organizers of the anti-slavery protest are misleading people into believing that shutting down prison work will shut down prisons”.

There’s an obvious contradiction in your statements but we may see this more as a result of an attempt to hold two theoretically valid analyses simultaneously. The problem here is that your first claim is translatable from theory into practice, which is to say it is action-oriented theory. Your second claim is based in academic-oriented theory, which is to say although it may be theoretically correct according to

communist analyses. It fails when put into practical context. What we have here then, is the tired old problem of academic elitism and the hegemonic conception of intellectuals as figures who raise the consciousness of everyone else. Your theories are based in over-analytical hyper intellectual abstractions. Ours are based in practical modes of agitation.

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Greetings Fellow Worker,

I hope this message finds you in good spirits and in good health! We would like to hear from everyone at least twice a year to verify your membership so that you may vote in the annual referendum and continue receiving the newsletter. You may include this along with a letter to us and multiple people are welcome to send these slips in together in a single envelope to save on postage. Please tear off this portion of this page and mail it back to us at IWOC, PO Box 414304, KC, MO, 64141 or if you want to keep your newsletter intact, you can just write the information on a separate sheet of paper.

In Solidarity!

IWOC

Date _____

Your Name _____ DOC # _____

Your IWW Membership Number _____

1st Emergency Contact Name (friend or family on the outside) _____

Emergency Contact Phone _____ and Email _____

2nd Emergency Contact Name (friend or family on the outside) _____

Emergency Contact Phone _____ and Email _____

May we contact your emergency person regarding local prisoner support efforts? Yes _____ No _____

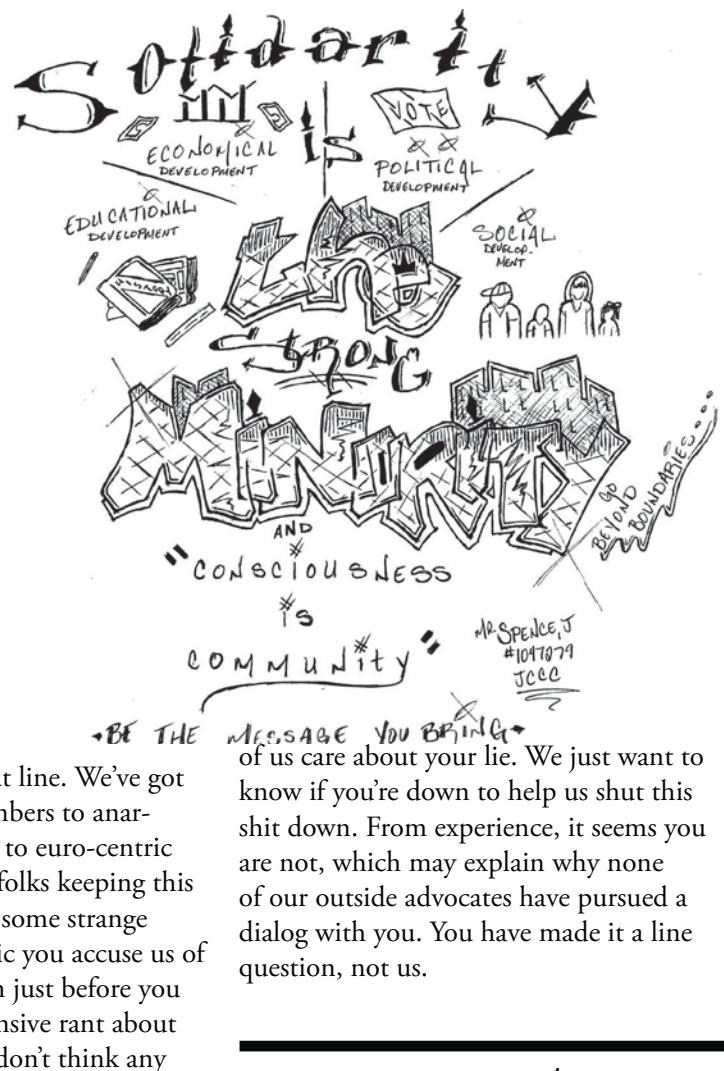
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Fifth our mass work-stoppage organizers issued a statement saying "... the entire structure of courts and police, of control and slave-catching must shift to accommodate us as humans rather than slaves". You say this is "not true and ignores the economic reality of prisons". I'll grant you that the definition and analyses on "slavery" may be contestable depending on which of several definitions one chooses. (Webster's New World Says) "one dominated by some influence", and that's good enough for me". But we're more concerned with the result. Which is that the structures "must shift to accommodate us as humans rather than ... "put whatever word you like here. You say our claim is "not true". Then in paragraph #10 you offer some vague and murky guarantee that "Amerika would figure out how to keep" us locked up. First of all comrade, you are not qualified to offer guarantees on Amerikas behalf.

Second of all, I'd ask on what dialectical evidence you base your theory that Amerika would "figure out" how to keep us locked up. We maintain our statement that the incarceration power structure would be forced to shift to accommodate us. In

your analysis, we'd ask you to stay planted in theory, and not stray into hypothetical.

Sixth, I find this point of contention unnecessary to begin with. But you say we bring our work stoppage to the level of a line question. This is false. I don't care what your line is, nor does anyone else I work closely with on this project. Beyond small friendly jabs at each other, nothing I've seen or read, or heard from anyone in this campaign suggests anyone cares much about line. We've got everyone from BPP members to anarcho-nihilists like myself, to euro-centric prison gangs, to regular folks keeping this campaign in motion. In some strange display of Orwellian logic you accuse us of making it a line question just before you launch into this big offensive rant about line. Honestly homie, I don't think any



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Would you like to remain a member of the IWW? Yes _____ No _____ I need more information _____

Have you received a new member packet? (You should have received the Constitution and One Big Union)

Yes _____ No _____ I don't know, send me one if I am a member _____

If you have an organization that you would like to have listed on our web site as a supporter of IWW/IWOC,

please state the name of the organization _____ and your

position in it _____ and we will list it on our supporters page.

We would like to speak with you. Please write to us let us know what talk radio stations and programs you get and enjoy listening to wherever you are at.

Comments: _____





From The Free Virginia Movement Collective

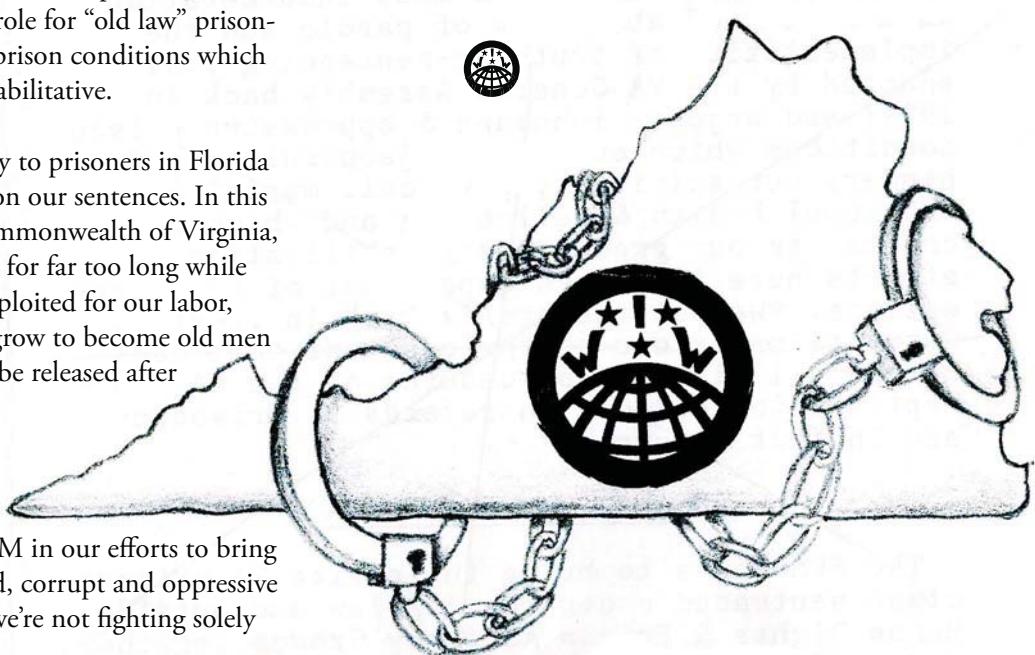
The Free Virginia Movement (FVM) stands in complete and total solidarity with those brothers and sisters in the Alabama, California, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas prison systems and in other prisons all across the U.S. Empire, who are courageously fighting to dismantle this genocidal system of mass incarceration and abolish cruel, unusual and inhumane prison conditions, which are designed to break our spirit and strip us of our humanity and self-worth. In collaboration with the ongoing national Prison Movements, those of us in the FVM are poised to engage in a nonviolent and peaceful work strike/stoppage beginning September 1, 2016 and ending January 1, 2017, in an effort to compel the V.A. Legislature to reinstate parole for "new law" prisoners, mandate the grant of parole for "old law" prisoners who meet the criteria, and improve prison conditions which are counter-productive and counter-rehabilitative.

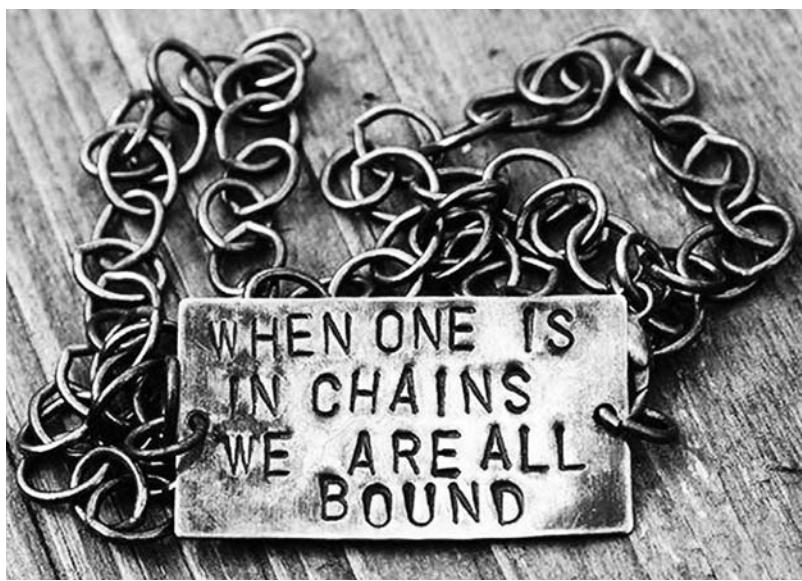
V.A. prisoners are ranked second only to prisoners in Florida in terms of the length of time we serve on our sentences. In this pro-mass incarceration, confederate Commonwealth of Virginia, prisoners have been passive and pacified for far too long while we are being extorted for our money, exploited for our labor, and held in prison for so long, that we grow to become old men and women behind these walls, only to be released after most of our family have died off.

As the growing Prison Movements escalate around the U.S., it is past time for us to STAND UP and STAND FIRM in our efforts to bring about real, substantive change to a failed, corrupt and oppressive system. Because, at the end of the day, we're not fighting solely

for ourselves. We are fighting for our sons, daughters, nieces and nephews who will be viciously targeted by this criminal injustice system and prison industrial complex. So, for those of us who are truly about fighting for freedom and justice, and not just simply talking about it, from September 1, 2016 through January 1, 2017, we will refuse to work and be compliant to a genocidal system that feeds on the communities of poor and oppressed people.

We have nothing to lose but our chains!
#No Parole!, No Work!





Labor Issues - *Timothy Johnson*

PLEASE DENOTE: One of the factory injuries that I recited occurred inside the panel factory, this inmate was working on the Judge's Line. On the Judge's Line is where they do the fine wood work upon the table saw (thin wood sticks, about an inch thick by 4ft long) working at finger tips against the table saw blade, with his face feet away, he's doing so many of them he chopped off the tip of his finger thumb. This dude took one week off work, without pay, then decide he needed the .75 cents per hour industry job so badly, and returned back to work on the same exact job! That's crazy!

The Chemical Plant, I've seen hose lines snap releasing disinfectant, and other chemicals into the face and eyes of the inmates (25 cents; 50 cents; 75 cents per hour-workers), the raw chemicals can easily blind these inmates permanently and damage their lungs. There is an emergency eye-wash shower pull string nearby,...but that only signifies that the system is aware of this danger. Not to exclude the forklift driver lifting barrels of these products (400-1000 lbs) for only 75 cents per hour.

Shoe Factory worker, hot glue and heavy machinery stamper and dyes and stocking is dangerous. Wood Sign Factories that make the public park signs, dangerous. The Graphic Arts factory. The License Plate Factory, extremely dangerous.

I've worked inside the Industrial Maintenance department that help fix the broke down factory equipment. I was the assistant electrician and welder, working with 440 volts and the fuse box over 2000+ Raw Voltage. My fellow co-electrician got caught with 440 volts and was stuck in the current of the wire. This other inmate smacked him off with a 2x4 knocking him loose, he was on the floor shaking. We later Nick Named him Sparky!

DANGEROUS 75 CENTS AND 50 CENTS PER HOUR
HIGH RISK!



Our Own Worst Enemy - *Anonymous Prisoner in Texas*

CAUTION: ADULT CONVERSATION

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

- Martin Luther King Jr, 23. August 1963 Speech at Civil Rights March in Washington

From the dark confines of our prison cells, it can be difficult to see that we live at one of the most defining moment of history. Although we are behind enemy lines, we have unique opportunity to change the direction of society - that is, if we know where to draw the battle lines. A lot of civil and populist movements attempt to define their struggle along racial lines- they think that if they can unite those who look like them, they will have a force capable of ushering in change to improve the social standing of their people. Such movements claim to be battling racism. But in reality they exploit the very delusions they claim to want to eradicate. As a consequence, the movement becomes counter-productive to the endeavour of ending racism, and unwittingly benefits no one but the Establishment.

Racism is a subject which arouses the passions - and its for this very reason it is so easy for the Establishment to exploit. We have all heard the saying: "A divided house can not stand." The Establishment knows that if we are too busy fighting among ourselves; we are too busy to unite against them. Unity among The People is what the Establishment fears the most. They will take all necessary means to ensure we stay divided, and this harmless.

We can see this divide and conquer stratagem being deployed in the mainstream media and, through agent provocateurs, leaching into alternative forums and public rhetoric. The Movement to End Mass Incarceration is not immune. All too often I see race-motivated propaganda hijacking our publications. I see it in artwork of white-hooded prison guards, the spelling of "Amerikkka" etc. yes, it is true that traditionally "white people" have represented positions of power and the prison population is disproportionately African-American and Hispanic. But the Movement to End Mass Incarceration should NOT be drawn along racial lines - it is not solely a Black Movement, nor is it solely White, Hispanic, Asian, Male, Female, Gay, Trans etc. It is a Prisoner Movement struggle along lines that create a false sense of unity because such unity can only be skin deep.

The environment of prison is already polarized along such lines - and a convincing argument can be made that the system is deliberately designed that way. Regardless, for our Movement to be successful this is an issue we must work through. We must inoculate ourselves against the Establishments attempts to divide us further by infecting us with prejudice.

Yes, racism exists - but the battle is with ignorance, not each other.

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What's more is that slavery is explicitly preserved for prisoners in the constitution in the 13th Amendment which specifically says slavery shall exist where one has been convicted of a crime. This may not arguably be your so-called "primary" contradiction but it is unarguably a clearly definable structural contradiction. I would argue that it just might be our primary contradiction given significance of the dialectical realities surrounding the P.I.C. combined with our abilities to exploit those realities.

Personally, my friend, I don't care what you call it. Slavery or otherwise, you choose to over-complicate your definition in order to discredit our own. That's fine, I don't care. What it all comes down to for me and most of those I associate with is this: In September we're going to stop working. Very simply, we're not going to pro-actively participate in our own involuntary captivity anymore. We're going to let the food rot. We're going to flush sheets down

Our Own Worst Enemy ... continued

One of the first steps in overcoming this ignorance is to approach the subject rationally, and see racism for what it is: Racism is a manifestation of an ill-formed perspective - that perspective being that there is somehow a distinction between people based on the color of their skin or heritage. Racism is the misplaced belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities, and that racial differences produce an inherent inferiority or superiority of a particular race. Racism is Delusion.

So, isn't it a manifestation of the very perspective that is responsible for "racism" to raise one race's plight above all others when they are all in the same boat?: Isn't it the promotion of the very delusion we need to destroy? To End Mass Incarceration we need unity and solidarity among ALL prisoners. We need to look past race, gender, and orientation to see the true enemy

- The Establishment...

United We Fight The System

- The Rue



our toilets. We're not going to clean anymore. And as they struggle to accommodate us we'll file on the inhumane conditions we're forced to live in. On September 9th we're done being our own keepers, and anyone who tries to resist, subvert, discredit or even passively sit by as we wage this campaign, I would say is guilty of being counter-revolutionary as being completely system.

And with that, let me close by wishing all of you loads of love and wellness. See you in September. Up the Struggle!

Zero, IWW member #x385678

Anarchist Black Cross Affiliate.

Joshua (Zero) Cartrette #12225965

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Sales Tax Problem

Timothy Johnson

We the prisoners of the state of Missouri

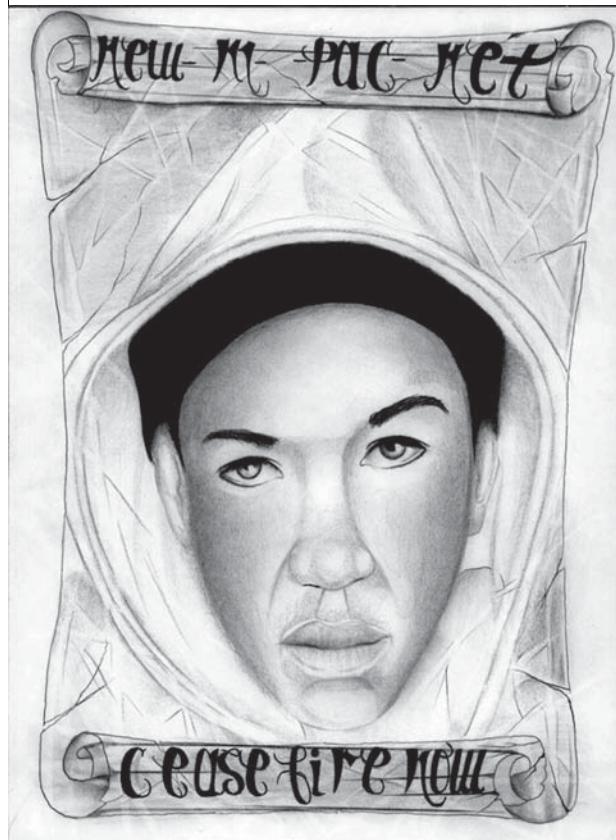
- Hereby protest against Missouri's Officials from adding on (pro-rated) sales taxes: (2.975%), & (5.975%)...to our already overly-inflated canteen purchase order,...pre-af-fixed hidden taxes (mark-up price).

The Missouri prison system "EXTERNALLY" is virtually a commercial-doxicile

(tax exempt), limited from being taxed on "INTERNAL-OPERATIONS", more-over on products not sold directly to the public-Mo's-CITIZENS.

EXAMPLE: Any place of business can be charged sales taxes for buying from a whole-sales dealership, and the dealer ship can charge flat rate sales taxes upon their merchandise sold to this business. But they can not tax a government agency that's (tax exempted) such as these Mo. prison system carries. Plus

please denote: Even if a wholesaler did tax the prison officials for their purchase. The inmates are the one's paid the full entire cost of everything that's purchased from the warehouse bulk order, and for every canteen item that's stocked and sold out of the inmates canteen, and this also includes all of the staffs and inmate canteen workers salaries (RSMO.#217.195). Now, anytime that the prison officials sell products from out of the inmate canteen to "VISITORS" U.S. Citizens and inflate the cost upon them. The Prison Officials themselves are supposed to pay taxes for public sales (but they don't)! With the remainder of the (Public sold items) funds to trinkle back into the inmate canteen funds for further operational circulations. Such as (recreation); (Leisure, & Law-Library); (Education Programs); (Religious); and (canteen operational cost). Now, most of these operational cost is (Hidden Taxes) incorporated inside the overly inflated price tags on merchandise sold out of the





Essay - Lemble Mckissick

Hello! I would like to say that being accepted as a new member of the IWW is an honor in which I will do and give my best to be an asset worthy of this position. Even though limited by way of incarceration, I am open for any & all suggestions as to whatever is needed of me to do for it will be done. If it is contacting new members, to typing letters or even starting an incarcerated membership charter with the IWW, so shall it be done. The IWW will have to go through the proper channels to get it started within this institution with the Department of Corrections office in Jefferson City. But if that is what's needed of me to do then I will do it. For I come to IWW with the skills and knowledge of an organizational member. With my determination, problem solving skills, hard work ethics, optimism, and positivity I devote all to uphold the standards befitting a member of the IWW.

Since being incarcerated I have been employed at what is called: Missouri Vocational Enterprise (MVE). In the Industrial Union list it would be in the

same listing as: Department of Manufacture & General Production No. 400. Here we're called sewing machine operators, and if promoted – lead operators. In the Industrial Unions list we're called: Textile & Clothing Worker IU410. The various lines we have are as follows: a) men's boxer line b) women's brief line c) towels & washcloth d) and sheets & pillowcase line (which is part of the women's brief line but separate). The pay grade is by the hour which starts at: \$0.15 then raises to \$0.30, then to \$0.50 and last if promoted to lead \$0.71 an hour. We work 9 hours a day, 4 days a week, with holidays off (if recognized by D.O.C.). I have also worked in maintenance which includes all the descriptions found within the IU's list of: Municipal & Utility Service Worker IU 670, and Recreational Worker IU 620 under the heading of: Department of Public Service No. 600. Also under the same heading: Restaurant, Hotel, and Building Service Workers IU 640. These and more is where my work force experience lies.



Sales Tax Problem ... continued

canteen. ...Just like (Gasoline) prices all taxes included within (hidden taxes).

This is what makes the attempt to charge any inmate sales taxes is erroneous, and moot by law, & circumstances.

The "CIRCUMSTANCES" are: "The Missouri prison system under the 13th Amendment to the United States constitution (1865) have full legal custody over all its prisoners that's been duly convicted, and or housed within the state of Missouri. And this also includes all of their assets RSMO. #217.825; and earnings #217.255; #217.260, and Banking, as prison officials further collect hidden taxes on Inmate-Banking but withholding the banking interest off of multi-millions of dollars per year.

According to the 13th Amendment The Missouri prisoner is nothing more than a modern day slave, with only a small hand full of civil protected rights intact! Prisoners are considered a "COG" in the big wheels (Property) ward of the state of Missouri! A Legal dependant, one that had been kidnapped, and held under involuntary servitude (against their will). While being coerced to perform (skilled, and unskilled-Labor) for only a few pennies per wages, in prison. To which the vast majority of the Mo. Prisoners that perform up to 160-work hours, per month in prison, they receive a state tippings of only \$7.50-\$8.50 per monthly total wages! To which these monthly wages have been precalculated by prison officials to be used for purchasing Hygienic, and stationary-products such as: (Soap); (toothpaste), (Ink-pens); (Toothbrush); (Toilet paper); (Writing paper); (U.S. Postage); (Envelopes), out of the inmate canteen with from off his prison account.

PLEASE DENOTE: The states tippings were created in 1980's so that prison officials won't have to purchase, storage and pass these hygiene, and stationary products out to each inmate once a month.

Being that said..."YES"...an inmate is a DEPENDANT, and a ward of the state of Missouri. A dependant is one who relies on another for support; one that's not able to exist or sustain without power or aid of someone else. And Mo. Dept. of Corrs.- Prison

Sales Tax Problem ... continued

Officials are that someone else, because without them all Mo captive prisoners would be dead locked inside these cells with no food to eat, no medical care; no rec.; no religious services; nor (No-Slave Master meager(\$7.50-\$8.50) montly state tippings to purchase health care-maintenance products, and writhing reduced the State Tipping spending power down by approximately 5 cents per dollar. meaning no deodorant or ink pens, can't afford them due to Taxes!

Prisoners, are indigent - and under the IRS, Prisoners are carried as a dependency exemption by the state of Missouri Prison Officials.

MISSOURI'S SWEATSHOPS, entitled M.V.E./Mo. Voactional Enterprises, another form of hidden taxes that use and abuses inmate hard dangerous labor, inside their factories for prison further personal gain. And these sweatshops factories that carry no insurance, nor retirement benefits for prisoners nor minimum wages, just pennies per hour, where inmates have lost limbs, fingers tips cut off, or crushed, exposed to intoxicating lung damaging fumes. Inside a falsely labeled "VOCATIONAL SCHOOL" M.V.E, where there are no books "only" assembly-line workers! ...But yet the one of the biggest tax payers scams around. Where the prison

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officials obtain Vocational Grants to obtain all the material used within these factories, obtaining free wood, machinery under the disguise of "MVE". Then turning around and selling the inmate made products back to any State Entities, at any price they so desire (Tax Free).

**EXAMPLE THEY CAN SELL
A DESK TO THE COURT FOR
\$45.000.** The exact same desk that the Courts could have bought from Walmart for \$5,000 only ! Professional racketeering.

If the IRS wants to tax inmates/slaves under the Jim Crow Law, the inmate/slave wants their full constitutional rights to be reinstated to them the rights to vote, 9th, 13, 14,15 and 19th Amendment Civil rights as Citizens of the state of Missouri-A Tax Payer Citizen!

Also we want the Mo. Dept. of Corrs to quit falsely adding inmates to their census bureau count, especially the prisoners at the ERDCC, that have not been a resident of Bonne Terre, Mo. at least (1-2 years). Just to inflate their county taxes benefits increasingly with funds, and government body elected officials. This is illegal Gerrymandering, to inflate taxes for St. Francois county using false redistricting residential head counts of prisoners.

Now, to try and "double-triple" tax the inmates of canteen items that they purchased wholesale to help circulate revenue within the prison (it's self) to extend their own privileges, not for a profit. This would be equal to charging taxes to your own dependants living under your address for the canteen food items they brought for

their slaves (using their own funds)! In short how can you intact sales taxes on the exact same food I brought from the wholesale vendor and is using for myself as a class, inside my residence? Who's the criminal IRS???? Racketeering, and Monoplozation is against the law!

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things, and they were linked with prisoners' loved ones and supporters, it would not be tolerated, and could well generate a protest movement on a par with that against the murderous police in communities of color, which was sparked by exposures and organizing on social media.

Again, this is the true reason the TDCJ is acting to ban prisoners' access to social media outlets in direct violation of the law. Its other proclaimed reasons are but pretexts and lies calculated to cloud the public's judgment with appeals to prejudice, fear, and hate. We should not be swayed and should assert prisoners' right like everyone else to freedom of speech and the use of all media forums to this end.

Dare to Struggle Dare to Win!
All Power to the People!

Notes

[1] See, Death Penalty v. Ryan, 269 F. Supp. 2d 1199, 1202-03 (D. Ariz. 2003).

[2] Olmstead v. U.S., 277 U.S. 439, 485 (1927).

[3] Kevin "Rashid" Johnson, "The Texas Department of Cowboy Justice: A Case of Lawless Law Enforcement." <http://rashidmod.com/?p=856>

[4] Matt Clarke, "Texas Court of Appeals Upholds \$42.5 Million Award Against Wackenhut/GEO Group," Prison Legal News (June 2009), pp. 10-11.



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ATTENTION MAIL ROOM!!!

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects free speech. Regulations that permit the government or its employees to discriminate on the basis of the content of the message cannot be tolerated under the First Amendment (i). Further, prisoners retain free speech rights. Thought control, by means of prohibiting beliefs, would not only be undesirable but impossible (ii). Fact of confinement and needs of the penal institution impose rational limitations on prisoner free speech rights (iii), but those restrictions must have a "valid, rational connection" to "legitimate penological interests" not related to the content of ideas (iv). Regulations and practices can only be justified when the practice "furthers an important or substantial government interest unrelated to the suppression of expression" (v). This means you cannot legally suppress the expression of ideas. Prison walls do not serve to form a barrier separating prisoners from the protections of the constitution (vi). Core political speech is most-zealously guarded and there is a public interest "in having free and unhindered debate on matters of public importance--the core value of the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment" (vii). Thus, exclusion of printed material on the basis of its political perspective amounts to free speech retaliation and discrimination, which is illegal (viii). If you exclude printed material for an unlawful basis, or if you simply conjure up a false pretext for its exclusion, you have broken the law. The prisoner recipient of this mail has cause for bringing a civil rights action against you and has cause for gaining punitive damages--which means money. You and everyone who permits this action, from your supervisor to the director of the prison system, may be named in those civil actions, and you may also be subject to termination from your employment. Because this primer is included in this mailing, you will not be able to claim you did not know your actions were illegal. For these reasons, we ask that you conform to federal law and refrain from unlawful discrimination against the enclosed materials, permitting mail service of this literature that objectively meets all legitimate criteria set forth in prison regulations.

CASE CITATIONS: i, Reagan v. Time, Inc., 468 U.S. 641, 648-49, 104 SCt 3262 (1984). "[T]he fact that society may find speech offensive is not sufficient reason for suppressing it. Indeed, if it is the speakers' opinion that gives offense, that consequence is a reason for according it constitutional protection." Hustler Magazine, Inc v. Falwell, 495 US 45, 46, 108 SCt 876, 882. The government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because society finds the idea itself offensive or disagreeable. U.S. v. Eichman, 496 US 310, 319, 110 SCt 2404 (1990). "[A]bove all else, the First Amendment means that government has no power to restrict expression because of its message, its ideas, its subject matter, or its content." Police Dept. of Chicago v. Mosley, 408 US 92, 95, 92 SCt 2286, 2290 (1972). ii, J ones v. North Carolina Prisoners Labor Union, 433 US 119, 97 SCt 2532 (1977) iii, Pell v. Procunier, 417 US 817, 822, 94 Set 2800, 2804 (1974) iv, Turner v. Safely, 482 US 78, 107 SCt 2245 (1987) v, Turner, supra vi, Turner, supra vii, Pickering v. Board of Education, 391 US 563, 573, 88 SCt 1731 (1968) viii, Abu-J amal v. Price, 154 F3d 128 (3rd Cir., 1998); X v. Blatter, 175 F3d 378 (6th Cir. 1999)

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